



# Cloverleaf Chronicle March 2024



Happy March! Just a reminder, this publication is a forum for you, our 4-Hers, Clubs, and Volunteers! We encourage you to submit pictures and articles highlighting your activities, ideas, and outstanding accomplishments! To be included in our next issue, please email all submissions no later than 4/5/24 to Marylisa Schaedel at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).

## 4-H Happenings!!

Livestock Skillathon was held on March 2, 2024! Congratulations to all!!



Meal Appeal 2024! (below) see page 10 for more pictures!



Lia Gervasi participated in the Dog Skillathon!

Winter Workshop 2024! (below) see page 23 for more pictures!





# UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



*Our 4-Hers and volunteers have been hard at work -record books, contests and more...keep up the great work! ~Marylisa Schaedel*



4-H Online is open for Enrollment! Please use this link: <https://v2.4honline.com/> to enroll. If you are a returning Volunteer and are unsure about your Volunteer Type and/or Role, please email Karen, [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu) for the information. Volunteers need to be enrolled by 3/1. 4-H Enrollment must be completed by 5/1 to participate in the Farm Fair or State Fair. Projects can also be added through 5/1/24 by contacting Lynne, [ldibasti@umd.edu](mailto:ldibasti@umd.edu). Questions? Feel free to call the office, 410-638-3255.



You worked hard on your record book, plan to join us to celebrate your accomplishments at Achievement Day, Sunday, April 14, 2023 at 2 pm at Deer Creek Overlook. Invitations will be forthcoming!



Good Luck Wishes to Grads! Leaders, parents and 4-H members are invited to salute graduating senior 4-Hers by sending a write up of good wishes for your graduates to be posted on our social media platforms and our newsletter. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your graduates! Please share this information with your club members and send your write up and pictures to [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu). Please be sure to ask permission to use pictures and names of your graduate before submitting!

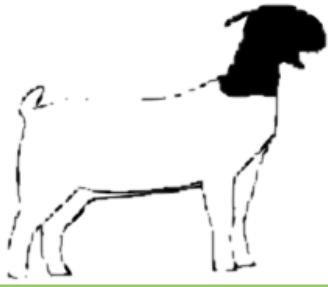


Market Sheep, Swine, and Goat as well as Commercial Breeding Animals and Dairy Steer Registration paperwork will be mailed at the end of the month. Tag payment and paperwork is due to the office by May 1, 2024. Tags are \$2 each. Late entries will be assessed a \$20 per head late fee.



This year, 4-H Camp will be offered for **ONE WEEK ONLY**, June 17-21. This information was shared with all of our families through 4-H Online in January. This week will be open for all ages 5-13 to attend. Clovers (5-7) will be allowed to attend the day program only. We will be offering both Residential and Day Camp to all ages 8-13. **This year, we will be using Eventbrite to sign up for camp! The links can be found on our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities> and will be active on 2/12!** Paper forms will still be required and they will be shared with families once their online registration is received.





## 4-H LIVESTOCK SERIES

### *Meet Your Livestock Superintendents*

March 21, 2024 7 pm at the Extension Office

Dairy Information Night to be announced soon!

Please RSVP to Marylisa at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) or call the office, 410-638-3255.



# 4-H 101

Are you new to the 4-H Program? Would you like to learn more about 4-H? Join us for an interactive discussion about the nuts and bolts of the 4-H Program! We will review the enrollment process, the calendar year, explain what is required of a 4-Her and review all opportunities at the County and State level. Bring your questions! We hope to see you there!

Monday, March 25, 2024 7pm

Extension Office

RSVP by 3/22 to Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu)



**The Harford County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024, 1 pm at the Extension Office.**

**If you would like to participate, please return this form, <https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/2024-02/public%20speaking%20registration.pdf>**

**by 3/21/24.**

## **Harford County 4-H**

### **Teen Leadership Council**



Are you interested in joining our 4-H Teen Leadership Council? The council members may be self nominated, or nominated by their 4-H Club Leaders. The council will meet quarterly to plan community service and outreach activities as well as promote 4-H at community events. They will also assist with planning of 4-H events and activities as well as make suggestions for new opportunities! We hope to have a teen representative from each club participate!

Self and Leader nominations are due to our office no later than 4/3/23.

Application forms have been shared with your Club Leader or if you plan to self nominate, please email Marylisa Schaedel [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) for an application.



Looking for a community service project? The Harford Family House is in need of supplies! Any club or individual who would like to contribute can bring the items to our office now through 4/15! Here is a current list of their needs:

Paper Napkins	Lysol Spray	Kitchen Sponges
Ziploc Bags	50oz Liquid Laundry Detergent	Cleaner with Bleach
Plastic Utensils	Empty Spray Bottles	Crib Mattresses
Toddler Beds	Small First Aid Kits	Bath Towels
Washcloths	Windex	Cough Drops

**Interested in Sewing?  
Please stop by our office to  
browse our selection of  
recently donated fabrics  
and patterns! This would be  
an excellent opportunity for  
anyone looking to sew a  
project for the Home  
Environment department or  
Fashion Revue!**





## **Calling All 4-H Horse & Pony Enthusiasts!**

### **Save the Dates**

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Educational Hands-on Horse Seminar @ the Harford County Equestrian Center. 8:30am-4:00pm. You do not need to bring a horse! Registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup>.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Trail ride at Fair Hill @ 11am. Meet at Appleton Road lot. Registration opens April 8<sup>th</sup>.

July 8<sup>th</sup> – Horse Clinic at Molly Hill Farm. Horse Standards level testing, Fun Riding Activities, & more. Registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Preparing for Horse Standards Level Testing**

Are you ready for your Horse Standards Level testing? If you are interested in preparing, please indicate your availability and levels using Google Form link by April 1<sup>st</sup>  
<https://forms.gle/zN2wbxPh553DvHvY9>

Questions? Please contact Karen, [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu)

# It's Time to Sign Up for Dog Training Classes!



**Join the Harford County Dog Club for Dog Training at the 4-H Camp/Deer Creek Overlook**

**Thursdays at 7 pm - 8 Weeks of Classes - Classes begin April 25-June 13, 2024**

**What are the benefits of doing dog training with Harford County 4-H?  
It costs much less than other classes! Only \$25 total for 8 weeks of class!**

**You can train your dog yourself! (Many other training classes don't allow kids to train dogs)**

**Have fun with your 4-H friends!**

**Connect with your dog and learn how to teach them important manners, dog obedience skills, and tricks!**

**You'll learn everything you need to know to take part in the dog show at the County and State Fair, if you want to participate!**

**We also will offer agility training on a different day of the week, TBD.**

**BUT WAIT!! Do you think your dog is "too loud" or "too big" or "too naughty" to do 4-H classes?**

**NO WAY! As long as your dog isn't aggressive, our trained volunteers can help you teach your dog, establish control, and have fun as a team! Proof of rabies vaccination is required.**

**You must sign up in advance and complete a DOG ID card before the start of classes, if you do not already have one on file. To sign up or to get more info, contact Kelly Fodel (Dog Club Leader)**

**at [kgfodel@gmail.com](mailto:kgfodel@gmail.com).**

UNIVERSITY OF  
MARYLAND  
EXTENSION



# Cooking Classes

Learn many skills that every  
good cook needs

Join Us for a two part series  
4-H Cooking 101

Thursday, February 29th - Keeping You &  
the Kitchen Safe

Wednesday, March 20th - Tools of the

Trade Harford County Ag Center

6:30-8:30pm

RSVP [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu)



*University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class.*

Please RSVP to Karen Taylor, [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu) or call the office if you plan to attend!



# MD 4-H Achievement Event

Congratulations to all of our Harford County 4-Hers and Volunteers who were recognized for their hard work and dedication at the 2024 MD State 4-H Achievement Event!



# Meal Appeal 2024

The Clover Community 4-H Club won Reserve Champion Mixed Team with their Spanish Chicken and Rice dish. Here is the recipe if you would like to try at home!

## Spanish Chicken and Rice

In a skillet, melt 2 T of butter over medium heat. Add 4 cups of diced tomatoes, a 1/2 cup of diced onion, 1 cup of chopped green pepper, 1/2 teaspoon of salt and 1/4 teaspoon of garlic powder. Cook for 5 minutes. Next add 1 cup of long grain rice and 2 cups of chicken broth. Cook on low heat until the broth is absorbed and the rice is tender. Next add 1 1/2 cups of cooked, cubed chicken and 1 cup of grated cheese.



# Meal Appeal 2024

The Paws and Claws 4-H Club won Junior Champion with their dessert, no bake cheesecake parfait with apple maple topping. Here is the recipe if you would like to try it at home!

## Maple Apple Cheesecake Parfaits

1 1/2 cups of graham cracker crumbs

1/3 C sugar

6 T of butter

Mix all of the above ingredients and set aside.

### Apple Maple Topping:

1/4 C sugar

1 1/2 t cinnamon

5 apples, peeled, cored and sliced

1 T butter

2 T maple syrup

2 t vanilla

Melt the butter, add apples and remaining ingredients to a skillet, cook until well mixed and apples are softened.

### Cheesecake Filling

1 8 oz package of cream cheese

1 C powdered sugar

1 t vanilla

1/2 C heavy cream

1/2 C sour cream

Beat all ingredients together using a hand mixer except the heavy cream. Blend until smooth. Add cream and mix until thickened.

To assemble parfaits, add graham cracker crust to the bottom of a glass or jar. Next add a tablespoon or more of the cheesecake filling followed by the apples. Top with additional graham crackers if desired.



# Meal Appeal 2024

The Cloverettes and Friends won Champion Mixed Team with their One Pot Creamy Cajun Chicken Recipe including home-made pasta. Here is the recipe if you would like to try it at home!

To begin, prepare the Cajun seasoning in a small bowl: 2 t paprika, 1 t oregano, 1 t thyme, 1/2 t garlic powder, 1/2 t onion powder, 1/4 t cayenne pepper, 1/4 t black pepper and 1/4 t salt.

Next, cube 1 pound of boneless chicken breasts and place in a bowl. Add Cajun seasoning and stir to coat. In a skillet, heat 1 T olive oil and 1 T unsalted butter. Add chicken and cook on both sides. Add 1 diced yellow onion and cook until soft. Next, add a 15 oz can of fire roasted tomatoes and 2 cups of chicken broth. Decrease heat to medium low. Add pasta \* and simmer until the pasta is tender and the sauce is thick. Next add 2 oz of cream cheese and stir until melted. Place the ingredients in a serving dish and top with grated parmesan and sliced green onions.

\*Homemade Pasta: Combine 2 eggs, 1 egg yolk, 1/4 c of water and 1 T olive oil in a bowl. Whisk until blended. Next, on a clean surface, mound 2 cups of all purpose flour and 1/4 t of salt. Make a well in the center and add the wet ingredients. Mix together with a fork or clean hands, forming a soft sticky dough. Knead for 8-10 minutes or until smooth. Divide the dough into six balls. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to rest for at least 30 minutes. Run through pasta roller to desired thickness and cut of noodle.



# Meal Appeal 2024

The Black Horse 4-H Club won Reserve Champion Junior Team with their 7 Layer Salad. Here is the recipe if you would like to try it at home!

## 7 Layer Salad

To begin, cook 1 pound of bacon over high heat, turning until evenly cooked and browned. Drain on paper towels, crumble and set aside. In a large bowl, add one head of chopped iceberg lettuce. Next top with 1 chopped red onion followed by a 10 oz package of thawed, frozen green peas. Next add 10 ounces of shredded cheddar, followed by a layer of 1 cup of chopped cauliflower and finally the crumbled bacon. To complete the salad, prepare the dressing using 1 1/4 cups of mayonnaise, 2/3 cup of grated parmesan cheese and 2 tablespoons of white sugar. Mix in a bowl until smooth. Drizzle over salad and refrigerate until chilled.



# Meal Appeal 2024

Lia Gervasi, a member of the 4-H Dog Club, won Champion Individual preparing her Chocolate Chip Butterscotch Pretzel Cookies. Here is the recipe if you would like to try these at home!

## Chocolate Chip Butterscotch Pretzel Cookies

Preheat oven to 350. Prepare 2 baking sheets with parchment and set aside. Using a stand mixer, beat 1 cup of butter, 1 cup of brown sugar and 1 cup of white sugar for about 3 minutes. Next add 2t of vanilla and mix. Add 2 eggs and one egg yolk, one at a time, beating after each addition. In a separate bowl, combine 2 1/2 cups of flour, 1/2 t salt, 1 t baking powder, and 1/4 t of baking soda. Once combined, slowly add to the wet mixture and stir. Add 1 1/4 c of chocolate chips, 1 1/4 cups of butterscotch chips and 1 cup of chopped pretzels. Gently combine using a rubber spatula. Scoop balls of dough on to prepared baking sheets. Using slightly damp fingers, press dough into a disk. Sprinkle with flaky sea salt and press one mini pretzel on the top of each cookie. Bake for 11-12 minutes or until the edges turn golden brown. Cool and enjoy!



# Meal Appeal 2024

Lucy Sherrier, a member of the Paws and Claws 4-H Club, won first place with her Healthy Lunchbox.



**Special Thanks to our Meal Appeal Judges, Theresa Lilienthal and Sandy Magness!!**



# WANTED!!

**Do you have a sewing machine taking up space in your attic or garage that you do not have any use for? Please consider donating your working sewing machine to the Harford County 4-H Program! We are looking to begin a sewing machine sign out program to promote sewing and Fashion Revue!**



## Looking Ahead...



Mark your Calendars!!

***2024 Dates are Tentative and Subject to Change!***

- March 20, 2024 Kitchen Tools Workshop, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- March 21, 2024 Meet Your Livestock Superintendents, 7 pm Extension Office
- March 24, 2024 Public Speaking Contest , 1 pm Extension Office **CHANGE OF DATE!!**
- March 25, 2024 4-H 101 for New Families, 7 pm Extension Office
- April 13, 2024 Sewing Workshop, 1 pm Extension Office
- April 14, 2024 Achievement Day 2 pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- April 20, 2024 Sewing Workshop, 1 pm Extension Office
- April 20, 2024 Earth Day Event at the Ag Center
- April 22, 2024 Introduction to Portfolios Workshop Extension Office
- April 27, 2024 Maryland Day -College Park
- April 28, 2024 Hands On Horse Seminar at the Equestrian Center
- May 2, 2024 Marketplace Meeting 7 pm Extension Office
- May 15, 2024 Hands On Portfolio Workshop 7 pm Extension Office
- 4-H Camp: June 17-21, ages 5-13 (Clovers Day camp only)
- Harford County Farm Fair July 20-27, 2024

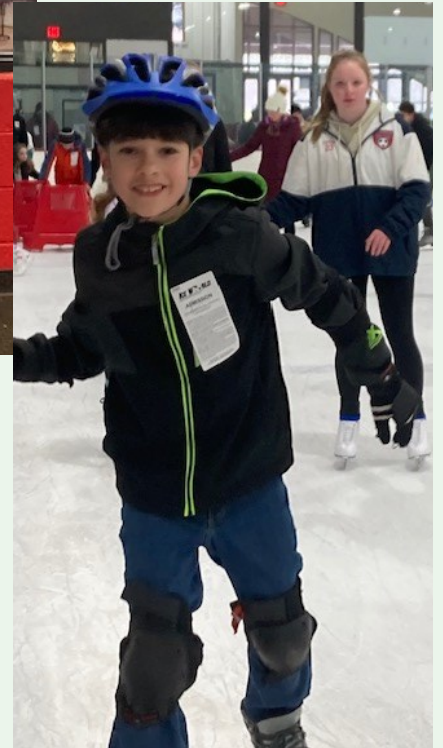




# Club Notes

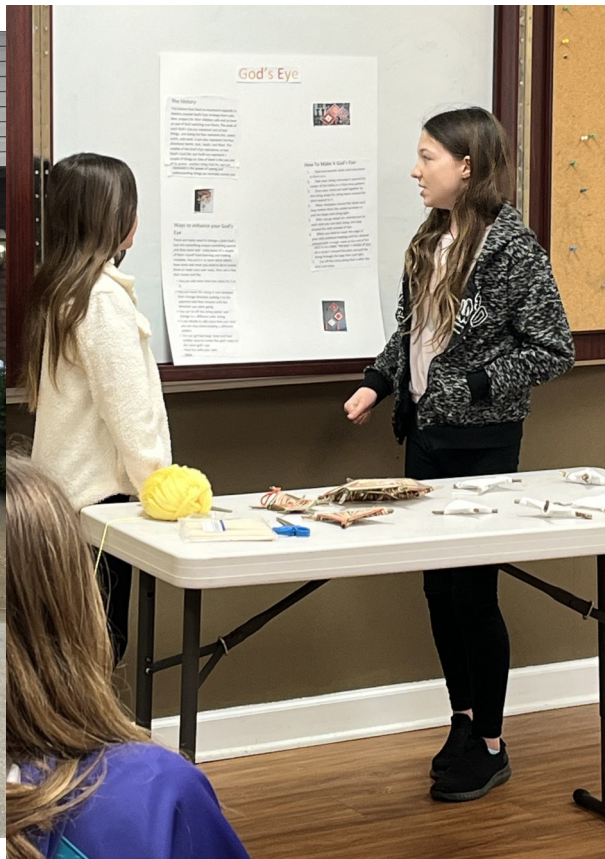


For their February meeting, the Clover Community Club went ice skating. They also participated in the 4-H meal appeal where they received reserved champion. ~submitted by Laura Grace Muir



# Club Notes

The Super Clovers Kids met in February at the DCO. We held our yearly elections, made Valentine's Day cards to donate to Hart Heritage in Street, collected socks for the Teen Leadership Council sock drive and collected chapsticks and hand lotions to donate to Hart Heritage with our cards. Megan and Gretchen Parks did a demonstration on making a God's Eye and everyone got to create their own. We had a fun and busy meeting! ~submitted by Ashlynn Tognocchi



# Club Notes

In February the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club made Valentine cards for College Manor Assisted Living, stuffed Easter eggs for the Camp's Easter egg hunt and decorated cookies with instruction from club mom Catherine Kirchner. ~submitted by Jane Burgess



# Club Notes

The Black Horse 4-H Club was very busy during the month of February. After practicing throughout the winter, our club came in 2nd place for making a 7 layer salad for Meal Appeal. Thanks to Ms. Jen Smithson for her leadership. We all stuffed eggs with candy for the Easter egg hunt at the 4-H Camp. Many club members have also been working on skillathon throughout the winter with Ms. Tracy and Ms. Jodi. ~ submitted by Abby Stewart





# Picture Pages



The Livestock Skillathon team did a great job at the 2024 contest! ~Picture submitted by Emily Troyer



Lia Gervasi placed 4th in the MD State Dog Skillathon Contest.



# *Featured 4-Header*

This past month senior 4-Header Brady Larkin attended the State 4-H Achievement Night where he was awarded the UMD Scholarship for best Senior 4-H Portfolio in Maryland. He was also recognized for his involvement, participation, and achievement in attending the National 4-H Conference as a delegate. He looks forward to returning to the National 4-H Conference this April as a National Youth Leadership Team Member.





# Winter Workshop





# Winter Workshop







# Winter Workshop





# Picture Pages



Special Thanks to Karen Holloway for teaching our livestock exhibitors all about feeding and nutrition!





# Picture Pages



Special Thanks to our Teen Council members, Brady Larkin and Ashley Kirk for helping with the Public Speaking Workshop!



# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  Winter Workshop EO
3	4  Leaders' Association Meeting 7 pm EO	5  Submissions to Cloverleaf Chronicle DUE!	6	7  Public Speaking Workshop 7 pm EO	8	9
10	11  Marketplace/Entrepreneurship Workshop 7 pm EO	12	13	14	15	16  Officers Training EO 11am- 1 pm
17	18	19	20  Kitchen Tools Workshop 6:30 EO	21  Meet Your Superintendents 7 pm EO	22	23
24  Public Speaking Contest 1 pm EO	25  4-H 101 7 pm EO	26	27	28	29	30
31  Happy Easter!						

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5  Submissions to Cloverleaf Chronicle DUE!	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13   Sewing Workshop E0 1 pm
14   Achievement Day 2 pm DCO	15	16	17	18	19	20   Sewing Workshop E0 1 pm
21	22   Portfolio Workshop 7 pm E0	23	24	25	26	27
28   Hands On Horse Seminar Equestrian Center	29	30				



University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class.

**If you require special assistance to participate, please call the Extension Office  
(410-638-3255) two weeks prior to the event**

*Lynne DiBastiani*

*4-H Administrative Assistant*

[ldibasti@umd.edu](mailto:ldibasti@umd.edu)

*Marylisa Schaedel*

*4-H Educator*

[mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu)

*(Vacant )*

*AED*

*Karen Taylor*

*4-H Program Assistant*

[kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu)

*University of Maryland- Harford County Extension Office*

*3525 Conowingo Road Suite 600*

*Street, Maryland 21154*

*410-638-3255*

*To Make the Best*  
**BETTER**